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SUBJECT: KREISKY VISIT TO MALTA

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1. AMONG GROUP OF AUSTRIANS VISITING MALTA ON VACATION (REFTEL) IS SECRETARY GENERAL OF AUSTRAIN SOCIALIST PARTY, FRITZ MARSCH. ACCORDING TO LABOR PRESS MAY 16, MARSCH CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF MAY 15 AND DATE OF KREISKY VISIT ESTABLISHED DURING MEETING. MARSCH TOLD PRESS HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO ANNOUNCE DATE, BUT PRESS SAYS IT WILL BE "LATER THIS YEAR".

2. MARSCH WAS HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY TO MINTOFF AND MALTA IN INTERVIEW, NOTING THAT COUNTRIES HAVE SIMILAR POLICIES OF "MILITARY NEUTRALITY".

3. MARSCH WAS CERTAINLY UNDER PRESSURE FROM MINTOFF AND MINISTER FOR EDUCATION BARBARA FOR ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH MUSIC AND DRAMA CONSERVATORY. MISS BARBARA HAS TOLD US SHE EXPECTS AUSTRIANS TO PROVIDE NOT ONLY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUT EQUIPMENT FOR CONSERVATORY. GETZ
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